

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Official Action has been carefully considered, and the Examiner's comments are duly noted. Reconsideration of this Application in view of the amendment of the claims and arguments submitted is respectfully solicited.

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Claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oelke 3,163,214.

In order to distinguish from the disclosure of Oelke 3,164,214, claim 1 was amended to include a pressurized air distributor tube which is receivable inside a piston bore.

The Applicant submits that Oelke does not anticipate the invention as claimed in amended claim 1 as it depends on a valve to reverse the direction of movement of the piston (Oelke, column 3, lines 25 to 30 and Figures 1 and 1A).

Further, the current invention, by contract, as stated in amended claim 1, functions solely by means of the position of the piston which closes and opens pressurized air flow to the upper or lower chambers. An advantage of the current invention over Oelke is accordingly in the simplicity of machining, assembly and maintenance and no additional flapper valve is required.

With respect to claims 2, 3 and 5, these depend on claim 1, and it is submitted that these claims are similarly not anticipated by Oelke, and they are allowable for the same reasons as amended claim 1.

Also, the Applicant incorporates the previous arguments submitted and specifically requests that the previous arguments raised in response to the Official Action dated 13 January 2006 be reconsidered.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims are allowable and patentable over Oelke, and this Application should be allowed, and such action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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